

Arizona State Plan for Adult Education Accomplishments

Goals for Adult Education

July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2004

- Goal 1:** To prepare Arizona adult learners to function effectively in the workplace, the family and the community
- Goal 2:** To maximize the opportunities for Adult Education programs to provide continually improving Adult Education services
- Goal 3:** To increase the capacity of adult educators through coordinated, effective professional development
- Goal 4:** To maximize the effective use of technology at all levels of Adult Education
- Goal 5:** To maximize the effective flow of ideas and information among stakeholders in Adult Education

Actions Taken

As of February 2003

- Development of Content and Performance Standards for all Adult Education components
- Standardized assessment statewide
- Internet connectivity of all local providers for administrative and educational purposes
- Development and implementation of a web-based, student level data collection and reporting
- Greatly enhanced oversight of local programs that includes programmatic audits and extensive technical assistance
- Intensive, research-based professional development in serving learners with special needs and preparation for the GED 2002 Test Battery (scheduled for FY04 are professional development initiatives in teaching researched-based reading and English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Enhanced collaboration and coordination with other service providers (DES, colleges and universities, vocational schools, social service agencies, public schools, vocational rehabilitation)
- Elimination of formula funding for local service providers
- Reduced class size
- All teachers are Adult Education Certified
- Higher percentage of full-time teachers

Results

As of February 2003

50,000 more people per year who now function effectively within their families, their communities, and on the job!

Local providers funded on their ability to deliver highest quality, measurable student results!

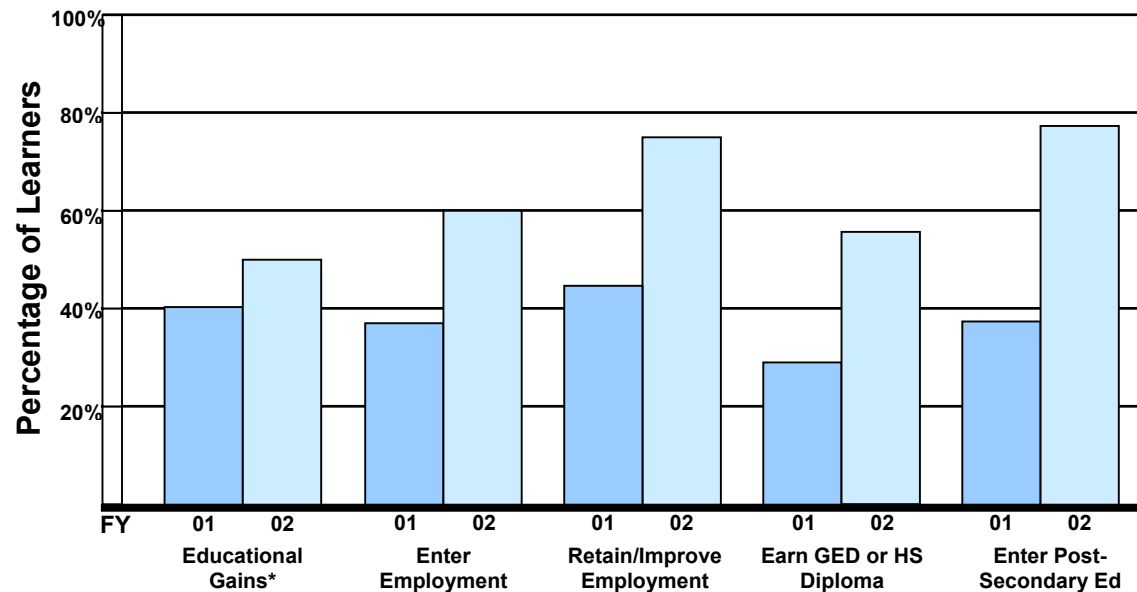
Learner academic and employment achievements at unprecedented levels!
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A cohesive field of qualified Arizona adult educators focused on a common vision!

Access to Extraordinary Education for all learners by June 30, 2004!

Arizona Adult Education Facts

- Only thirty-six programs statewide meet the rigorous requirements to receive funding from the Arizona Department of Education. These programs provide over 900 adult education classes in locations across Arizona.
- Over 46,000 learners were served with over 2.7 million instructional hours during Program Year 2001 – 2002.
- \$284.00 total annual cost per adult education student (compare to \$5,000+ total annual cost per K-12 student).
- If the 14,077 students aged 16 through 22 enrolled in adult education in Arizona in fiscal year 2002 had been in high school, the cost to the state would have exceeded \$70 million. In adult education, the cost was less than \$4 million. More than half of that cost was provided with federal funds.



Outcomes of Adult Learners Based on Identified Goals

*Educational Gain = increase of approximately 2.3 grade levels